

REMARKS

The present Amendment amends claim 9 and leaves claims 2-8 and 11-18 unchanged. Therefore, the present application has pending claims 2-9 and 11-18.

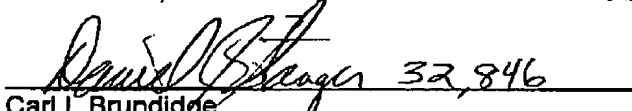
The present Amendment is supplemental to the May 12, 2006 Amendment and further amends the claims so as to clarify the features of the present invention. Particularly, amendments were made to claim 9 to clarify that claim 9 now depend from claim 5. Thus, the same arguments presented in the Remarks of the May 12, 2006 Amendment, said Remarks being incorporated herein by reference apply as well to claim 9 as amended.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants submit that claims 2-9 and 11-18 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of claims 2-9 and 11-18 is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of MATTINGLY, STANGER, MALUR & BRUNDIDGE, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (572.39563X00).

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